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Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your request made to Public Safety Canada pursuant to Access to Information Act which was forwarded to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and received on December 5, 2011, worded as follows:

"Reference is being made to the *Final Report 2009-2010 Evaluation of the Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms Initiative* prepared by the Evaluation Directorate, Public Safety Canada, 2010-11-30. Table 5 on page 22 of this report indicates 33,158 firearms were seized by NWEST (RCMP) during the 2005-2009 period. Footnote 32 states: "NWEST seized firearms are all directly connected to the potential for criminal use in Canada, and these firearms are all seized in Canada."

Please provide copies of reports, documents, statistics, policies and procedures that provide additional information concerning how NWEST applies the stated definition that **seized firearms are all directly connected to the potential for criminal use in Canada**. Specifically, the documents requested should show how effective this investment of police time and money was at reducing violent crime by providing statistics such as:

1. the number of guns that were seized as a result of actual criminal investigations
2. the number of guns that were seized at the border
3. the number of guns that were seized as a result of court orders, prohibition orders and restraining orders
4. the number of guns that were seized as a result of non-criminal incidents such as suicides
5. the number of guns that were reported as seized but were actually turned in voluntarily, in local amnesties for example
6. the number and type of criminal charges that were laid with respect to these 33,158 firearms seizures
7. the registration status of the 33,158 firearms seized
8. the licensing status of the individuals involved in the 33,158 firearms seizures
9. final disposition of the 33,158 firearms seized, in particular the number of firearms that were returned to their registered owners"

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa, Ontario. Please be advised that we were unable to locate any information relating to your request.

It has been determined that the numbers identified as "NWEST Firearms seized" by Public Safety Canada in their 2010 report were based on information provided voluntarily to the RCMP Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) by various primary sources, including numerous Canadian police services. These numbers were provided at a point in time by these agencies, based on information they had at that time, and it would be impossible for the agencies to reconstruct or break down the data further.

The RCMP does have statistics on seized firearms which have been provided to the RCMP by public agencies under the Public Agents Firearms Regulations (PAFR). These regulations have been in effect since October 31, 2008 and require Canadian public sector agencies to report all "protected" (including those seized by police, or turned in to police) firearms in their possession.

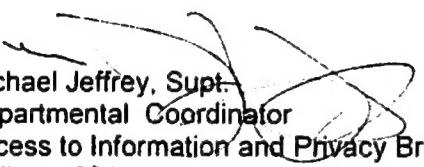
Even though these statistics are not specifically responsive to your request nor do they pertain to NWEST, they can be broken down using existing database query tools. An analysis of PAFR data that may assist in answering some of your questions is provided on the attached pages. The counts provided are based on all "seized" or "surrendered" firearms recorded by public agencies, as per the PAFR.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within sixty days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada
Place de Ville, Tower B
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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, contact Mr. Marc Arguin at 613-843-6833, by email to marc.arguin@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or writing to the address below. For ease of reference, please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Yours truly,


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PAFR STISTICS ON SEIZED FIREARMS

- There have been 53,660 firearms recorded as "surrendered" to Canadian public sector agencies, as per the PAFR, since October 2008.
- Of the 122,681 firearms recorded as "seized" by Canadian public sector agencies, as per the PAFR, since October 2008, counts based on registration status of these firearms at the time of seizure are as follows:

Administratively expired	55
Canceled	28
Inventoried	28
Investigation in progress	3
Registered/Recorded	21,172
Registered/Recorded via Transfer	21,522
Registration expired due to firearm description change application	336
Registration expired due to transfer	12
Registration expired in support of system administration	2
Registration refused - in possession of	143
Registration revoked	7,987
Registration suspended	4,701
Revocation suggestion received	81
Not Registered in CFIS	66,611

- Of the 122,681 firearms recorded as "seized" by Canadian public sector agencies, as per the PAFR, since October 2008, counts based on firearms licence status at the time of seizure are as follows:

Awaiting Statutory Wait Periods	7
Awaiting Screening	5
Expired	2,851
Interim Licence - Expired	6
Interim Licence - Invalidated	139
Invalidated	9
Pending Valid	3
Refusal Notice Issued	2
Revocation suggestion received	304
Revoked	938
Under Review	3,855
Valid	8,838

- Of the 122,681 firearms recorded as "seized" by Canadian public sector agencies, as per the PAFR, since October 2008, counts based on these firearms final disposition are as follows:

Awaiting Disposition

Protected - Custody	59,605
Protected - Estate	11
Protected - Other	1
Protected - To be destroyed	16

Disposition

Antique	31
Deactivated	37
Destroyed	23,341
Expired	31,358
Exported	54
Her Majesty's Forces	3
Known Firearm	25
Lost	10
Non-firearm	11
Returned to Circulation (Known Firearm)	1,268
Returned to Client (Known Firearm)	6,884
Stolen	26